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Kappa Alpha Theta is getting ready to mark her 150<sup>th</sup>  
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# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CELEBRATION?

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

150 YEARS. IT'S A LONG TIME. SUCH A LONG TIME, IN FACT, THAT THERE'S A SPECIAL TERM FOR A 150TH BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY: *SESQUICENTENNIAL*. AND KAPPA ALPHA THETA IS GETTING READY TO MARK HERS IN 2020.

How, dear reader, do you commemorate 150 years? How do you celebrate the first Greek-letter fraternity known among women, an organization that not only survives but thrives on campuses across the continent and in communities around the world? How do you honor more than 263,000 initiated members, 138 active college chapters, and 204 active alumnae groups?

You throw a party, of course! In this case, a party that lasts for five years.

This year, we will begin our sesquicentennial party by commemorating those who created our Fraternity and established her core values: our founders. To begin, this Founders Day we kicked off 150 Days of Celebrating Service, a special campaign that honors Bettie Tipton Lindsey and her dedication to volunteerism and service.

Each day of the 150 Days offers opportunities to advocate for, volunteer for, and donate to a variety of important causes, as well as recognize individual Thetas for being true philanthropists. The campaign offers Thetas everywhere a variety of activities to show our commitment to spreading the widest influence for good.

Yes, this is an ambitious project! But it's no more ambitious than founding the first Greek-letter fraternity for women. Your editor hopes you'll be excited to join the 150 Days of Celebrating Service campaign; you can learn more about how to do so on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

Apropos of describing our 150 Days campaign as *ambitious*, the word that has negative connotations for some. Rather than ambitious, the Thetas featured in this issue of our magazine might be better described as *aspiring* or *driven*. Our profile article (beginning on page 18) focuses on Margaret Guo, Zeta Mu/MIT, who has earned accolades for her medical engineering research, won awards in her chosen sport, and has two patents pending. Samantha Schmidt, Beta/Indiana, is the subject of our Leading Woman article (page 14); she recently took first prize in a prestigious national writing competition. Bianca Vitoreira, Eta Theta/Central Florida, achieved a life-long dream when she was chosen to submit a film to the 2015 Cannes Film Festival. You can read about Bianca, In Her Own Words, on page 15.

Another term that accurately describes these accomplished Thetas is *collegian*. Yes, you read that correctly: they are all currently students at their respective universities. As someone whose undergraduate diploma is dated ... well ... some time ago, these young women are inspirational as well as accomplished.

This issue offers further Theta inspiration with an overview of renowned authors (page 17), a report on our newest college chapter (page 11), and our annual recognition of outstanding faculty (page 24).

After the hurly-burly excitement of the holidays, it can be very easy to fall prey to the late winter doldrums. This is particularly true in Indiana, where Theta was founded and headquarters is located, and where March and April can best be described as *changeable*. As we look forward to our sesquicentennial, 150 Days of Celebrating Service offers a particularly sparkling antidote to ennui and cabin fever. Please plan to be a part of this fun and important campaign as we begin our celebration of 150 years of Kappa Alpha Theta! ♦

ON THE COVER: Margaret Guo, ZM/MIT.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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## CHAPTER CLOSING

We regret to announce the disestablishment of the Eta Chapter at the University of Michigan. Despite ongoing support and education provided by Fraternity officers and staff, recent chapter activities constituted serious violations of Fraternity policies and were contrary to the Fraternity's basic principles. The university had already suspended the chapter for the Spring 2016 semester.

While Theta's presence at the University of Michigan has ended for the foreseeable future, Theta values Eta Chapter's 137-year history and the many fine members who continue to be an asset to the Fraternity.

## PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

On Oct. 19, the Fraternity's annual Day of Service brought Thetas together in service to honor Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday.

Dozens of chapters submitted photos, and the winner of the photo contest is—the Eta Omicron Chapter at North Florida! Chapter members teamed up with the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter and Guardian ad Litem of Florida's First Coast (GAL) to give the abused, neglected, and abandoned children of Jacksonville a day filled with fun. Their Fall Carnival featured



Winning photo, submitted by HO/North Florida.

games, a pumpkin patch, kite-flying, face painting, and prizes galore. Approximately 30 children and 50 volunteers, GAL board members, and alumnae participated.

## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

In 2015, the following Theta staff members celebrated milestone employment anniversaries.

### 10 YEARS

Jenni Broughton Schmaltz, Γ/Butler, chief operating officer

### 5 YEARS

Katharine Murphy, ΓZ/Connecticut, assistant director of chapter services

Kristi Skrundz Tucker,

Kappa Delta Sorority  
assistant director of alumnae engagement

## REUNIONS

Thetas who pledged at Alpha Pi/North Dakota from 1968 to 1973 are invited to attend a reunion June 3 - 6 in Vail. Contact Sue Froeschle, suefroeschle@gmail.com, for more information.

Beta Iota/Colorado, Class of 1986 30-year reunion April 22 - 24, St. Julien Hotel in Boulder. Please contact Lisa Frenkel Riddiough, lisar@riddio.com.

## WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

## WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

# Theta Traveler

Kappa Alpha Theta is pleased to announce the Theta Traveler Program, which provides opportunities to connect with Theta sisters and meet new friends as you travel to some of the world's most exciting locations. Whether you're interested in learning about affordable travel options, planning a chapter reunion, or are seeking travel companions or groups, Theta Traveler will help make it happen.

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### MY DAUGHTER, MY SISTER

Our Theta story began in the early 1950s when my mom was initiated by the Beta Tau Chapter at Denison University. I followed in the mid-1980s, also at Beta Tau. Fast-forward to a few years ago when my daughter, Megan, carried on the Theta legacy and joined Alpha Gamma Chapter at Ohio State. This is where her story begins.

To be honest, Theta was not Megan's first choice. The call came drenched with tears and disappointment. Megan's dad and I encouraged her to stay the course through her new member period, then make the decision to continue with sorority life or not. A few tough weeks ensued but she gradually began meeting and getting to know new girls ... her sorority sisters. At that point, there was no turning back—she was home.

Megan immersed herself in Theta. In addition to all she was involved with at OSU—work, volunteering, tutoring inner-city kids, and consistent dean's list in early elementary education—she continued to stay involved with her beloved Theta.

But Megan wasn't done. During her junior year, she was elected chief executive officer (CEO) of the chapter. In this position, she has thrived and felt great pride for her Fraternity. From recruitment to initiation to philanthropy to social activities, and everything in between, Megan has given her all.

In keeping with her involvement in Theta, OSU, and the local community, Megan has stood fast to Theta's ideal to meet the higher and broader demands of mature life through social, intellectual, and moral growth. She spent a month this past summer in Uganda working with orphans and young villagers to educate them and create libraries and classrooms to help instill her passion, a love for learning.

As her Theta kite soars, Megan continues to aspire to new heights each day by remembering her dedication to the Theta motto of perseverance, independence, and faith. I am proud to say she is my daughter and my sister.

**Amy Linn Sobotka, BT/Denison**, is a legacy as well as the mother of a Theta.

### AN UNEXPECTED LOVE STORY

When I joined Kappa Alpha Theta, I didn't quite know what to expect. After a freshman year filled with theater, 21-credit semesters, a first love, and a whole new group of friends, I couldn't imagine my world getting any bigger, or any better.

Luckily for me, I had the ideal freshman-year experience, and sophomore year was shaping up to be pretty great, too. My dorm-based romance turned long-distance due to him transferring schools. I moved out of my dorm room and into my first apartment. I scaled back on some of the credits as classes got harder, and I spent my weekends alongside my friends, exploring Minneapolis.

Still, I felt something was missing. As clichéd as it sounds, I found myself looking at different clubs to join. I wanted to somehow be more involved on campus. I complained to a dear friend of mine about wanting more "strong female friendships." Yeah, that's an actual thing I said.

She was a member of Theta, and had joined after she transferred from another school. Neither of us was your typical formal recruitment story. I received my bid after attending several relaxed continuous open-bid events: decorating cookies, painting picture frames, decorating mugs, etc. And as soon as I received my bid, I was flooded with posts on my Facebook wall welcoming me to Theta.

My spring semester was filled with preparations for initiation. I learned about the amazing organization full of women—leading women—and spent time getting to know my sisters. My sorority hasn't replaced anything else in my life, only enriched it. If I need help with math, I am lucky to have sisters who know more than enough about statistics. If I've had a terrible time at class, my house is only three blocks away from campus. I'm now surrounded by 80-some women who believe I can do anything I set my mind to.

I made connections and friendships quickly. When you're surrounded by ambitious, caring, and hilarious ladies, it's hard not to! From the moment I set foot in the dining room of Kappa Alpha Theta's Upsilon Chapter, I knew I liked these girls. I felt some immediate friendships form, and I wanted to go back as soon as I left. I had no idea that I'd emerge a semester later completely in love with my newfound sisters.

I grew up surrounded by strong women. My mother, aunts, cousins, and grandmas shaped me into the person I am today, and now I have an amazing sisterhood to back me up for the rest of the journey.

**Anna Crandall, Y/Minnesota**, is a junior majoring in theater arts. ◇



Amy Linn Sobotka, BT/Denison



Anna Crandall, Y/Minnesota

*"My sorority hasn't replaced anything else in my life, only enriched it."*



# Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation reaches \$5 million Campaign goal ahead of schedule!

**\$5 MILLION  
GOAL**

**\$4  
MILLION**

**\$3  
MILLION**

**\$2  
MILLION**

**\$1  
MILLION**

On December 1, **602 donors** joined the #GivingTuesday movement by donating to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* Campaign. In just one day, more than \$312,000 was raised in support of two of Theta's most-pressing funding priorities: the Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) program and a new need-based scholarship program. The generous support that began on December 1 continued throughout the month of December. Theta Foundation is proud to announce that on December 31, 2015, the *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* Campaign reached its \$5 million goal six months ahead of schedule. The Campaign will not officially conclude until June 24, 2016, at Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand Convention; Campaign gifts will continue to be counted until May 25, 2016.



## There is still time to join this historic Campaign

Though we've reached our initial Campaign goal, we can do much more for our sisters. Further contributions to *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* will create additional need-based scholarship funding to more significantly support Thetas in need, and will fund an even more substantial portion of Theta's ELC program that provides undergraduate members with peer-level guidance and individualized support from the Fraternity.

You can help us build upon our initial success and ensure that our sisterhood remains forever at the forefront of women's leadership and learning. Make your gift by May 25, 2016, to be included as a donor to this historic Campaign!

Visit [www.GivetoTheta.org](http://www.GivetoTheta.org) or call 1.800.KAO.1870 to make your Campaign gift.

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STUDY TABLES



# Welcome Home

## ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

BY ABBY MERRITT BAKER, FHC PROPERTY MANAGER/MARKETING COORDINATOR

In the summer of 2015, property manager Amanda Gaglio, Eta Theta/Central Florida, traveled to the Gamma Nu Chapter at North Dakota State to complete a project the FHC had been planning for months. Gaglio and FHC interior designer Kendra Favors engineered a major renovation and redecoration of the first floor of the chapter house. The living room, entryway, and facility director suite received major, necessary updates. The furnishings and finishes were selected to celebrate the architecture of the house and at the same time give it a modern update. With a bright color palette, the new furnishings, light fixtures, flooring, and window treatments make the house a space that Gamma Nu members can feel proud to call home. ♦

### Living Room

Crafted of high-quality and durable materials, the tables, chairs, and fabrics will withstand frequent use for years to come. Mimicking the entryway ceiling, the fireplace in the living room was covered by a plank wood feature wall.


### Entryway Chandelier

A new chandelier and lighting were selected for the entry, hallway, and living room. The chandelier brings a warm and welcoming glow to the entrance of the house.

### Study Tables

The living room was designed to provide chapter members with areas for quiet studying or to meet in small groups.



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# CELEBRATING

# 150

On January 27, Theta began something very special. As we all know, January 27 is Founders Day, but this year, our Founders Day was like no other. It marked the beginning of our sesquicentennial celebration.



not only survived but thrived for a century and a half. That is definitely cause for celebration!

There are many reasons behind the enduring power of Theta sisterhood. Four reasons are our founders: **Bettie Locke Hamilton, Alice Allen Brant, Hannah Fitch Shaw, and Bettie Tipton Lindsey.** They had the inspiration to form the first Greek-letter Fraternity known among

women, and they also had the perseverance, independence, and faith to make their vision a reality.

As we plan for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, we will dedicate one year of the next four to each of our founders, beginning with **Bettie Tipton Lindsey.** Those who knew Bettie described her as having a generous spirit and a sunny disposition. Perhaps because she was the eldest child in her family, she played a motherly role for her siblings. This care for children—especially those who had been orphaned or otherwise neglected—persisted throughout her adult life. She was also deeply devoted to her church and to charitable endeavors in the communities in which she lived.



**Bettie Tipton Lindsey, A/DePauw**  
(Learn more about her at [heritage.kappaalphatheta.org](http://heritage.kappaalphatheta.org).)



# SERVICE



# VOLUNTEER



## 150 Days of Celebrating Service

To celebrate Bettie Tipton Lindsey and her dedication to volunteerism and service, Theta introduced a new campaign on Founders Day. By participating in 150 Days of Celebrating Service, Thetas everywhere can honor Bettie Tipton Lindsey and advocate for, volunteer for, and donate to a variety of important causes, as well as recognize individual Thetas for being true philanthropists.

This is an ambitious project! Yet Thetas are known for being leading women, and our ideas have often been on the cutting edge. Here's how you can help make this celebration a huge success!

- Visit [150 Theta Days.org](http://150ThetaDays.org) to choose how you'll make a difference for important causes.
- Use the hashtag #Theta150 on social media to view and share posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Post your service stories and pictures to our Facebook page, [facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta](https://facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta).
- Download the Theta 150 app; check off the activities you've completed and connect with Thetas enjoying the same ones.



As we look forward to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let's follow Bettie Tipton Lindsey's example by seeking ways to incorporate service in our lives, by being of service to others, and by recognizing Thetas who have been of great service. Imagine the impact that nearly 200,000 Theta alumnae and collegians can have over a 150-day period! ◇



# LEADING WOMEN ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THETA?

ALL THETAS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR GRAND COUNCIL THAT WILL BE ELECTED AT GRAND CONVENTION 2016!

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE NOMINATION PROCESS

As stated in the *Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution*, the first purpose of Grand Convention is to "... elect the members of Grand Council." These women will lead Kappa Alpha Theta for the following biennium. You are asked to consider volunteering to be a candidate for service on Grand Council. If you have time and talents to contribute, you would find it an honor and privilege to work in a unique governance setting with other extraordinary Theta women who have committed themselves to influence the future course of the Fraternity. You can also be part of the selection process by nominating yourself, nominating another Theta, and/or submitting references for other Thetas who are candidates for Council service.

## WHAT IS GRAND COUNCIL?

Grand Council is the governing body of the Fraternity between Conventions. The elected members of Grand Council are the Fraternity president and six Fraternity vice presidents.

## WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF GRAND COUNCIL?

Grand Council members are volunteers who are responsible for the strategic vision of Kappa Alpha Theta. The board serves as the governing body of the Fraternity in the interim between Grand Conventions, supervising its business and affairs, including but not limited to:

- approving the budget and major financial plans;
- granting chapter charters; and
- enacting laws, policies, and procedures governing the Fraternity, chapters, corporations, and its members.

The president and a vice president serve as Theta Foundation trustees, and one Council member serves as a director of the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC).

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON GRAND COUNCIL?

According to our laws, any Theta alumna in good standing who is a college graduate is eligible to serve on Grand Council. Candidates are prepared for Grand Council service through their Theta volunteer positions, non-profit leadership expertise, and paid professional experiences, all of which are considered by the nominating committee.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to preparing the slate of Grand Council members, the nominating committee also prepares the slate for the FHC board of directors.

The process and time line used to develop the slate for FHC is very similar to those used for Grand Council. In particular, the nominating committee solicits and accepts nominations from Theta alumnae who are interested in serving on the FHC Board of Directors as well as references from Thetas and staff

who have worked with those alumnae. Maintaining the strictest confidentiality at all times, the nominating committee convenes to review the information that has been gathered and to interview the candidates. The committee prepares the slate and presents it to the FHC Board for approval.

## WHO SERVES ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE? HOW ARE THEY CHOSEN?

The nominating committee chairman, appointed by the Fraternity president with the approval of Grand Council, directs the work of the nominating committee. The vice chairman of the committee is similarly appointed and takes the chairman's place should she be unable to perform her duties. The Fraternity's executive director serves as the committee's secretary.

In spring 2016, each district will elect one delegate to serve on the nominating committee. By random drawing, districts will be assigned to either elect college or alumnae delegates as their representatives.

## HOW DOES THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORK?

In the months leading up to Convention, the nominating committee chairman solicits applications from Theta alumnae who are interested in serving on Grand Council or on the FHC Board of Directors for the new biennium, as well as references from Theta members, volunteers, and staff who have worked with those alumnae.

The nominating committee convenes prior to the opening of Convention to review the information gathered by the nominating committee chairman. Candidates may be interviewed by the nominating committee either by video conferencing ahead of Convention or in person at Convention.

After evaluating the qualifications, skills, and strengths of the candidates and assessing the composition of potential Council and FHC Board teams, the committee submits the two slates.

## HOW DO I MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL OR FHC BOARD SERVICE?

If you are interested in being a candidate for service on either board, or nominating a candidate, visit [kappaalphatheta.org/nominations](http://kappaalphatheta.org/nominations) after March 4 for the nomination form. Forms are due April 8.

## WHO SHOULD SUBMIT REFERENCES FOR CANDIDATES?

All Thetas (collegians and alumnae) and Theta staff members who have worked with a candidate should submit a reference. Please see the information to the right. ♦

## WHAT CAN I DO?

All Thetas can have a voice in the board (both Grand Council and FHC) procedure. It is truly an inclusive process!

## SUBMIT A REFERENCE

Visit [kappaalphatheta.org/nominations](http://kappaalphatheta.org/nominations) for the reference form beginning April 15. All references must be submitted online by May 6.

## GET MORE INFORMATION

Visit [kappaalphatheta.org/nominations](http://kappaalphatheta.org/nominations).

## ASK QUESTIONS

All questions should be directed to Carryl Wischmeyer Krohne, Nu/Hanover, Nominating Committee chairman ([NCCChair@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:NCCChair@kappaalphatheta.org)).



PERHAPS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS CONFIDENTIALITY. ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND DELIBERATIONS ARE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

Want more?  
[kappaalpha  
theta.org/nominations](http://kappaalphatheta.org/nominations)





## ΘΛ/ROCHESTER KITES FLYING HIGH

**T**heta celebrated the installation of the Theta Lambda Chapter at the University of Rochester on November 14. Located in upstate New York, the University of Rochester offers more than 200 academic majors to nearly 10,500 undergraduate and graduate students. The university prides itself on its personal scale, with smaller classes, a low 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and increased interactions with faculty.

The university is also noted for its Eastman School of Music and is home to the Institute of Optics. Founded in 1929, the institute was the first educational program in the US devoted exclusively to optics. Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics is home to the second-most energetic fusion laser in the world.

Theta Lambda is our 139<sup>th</sup> active college chapter and joins Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Delta Tau in the Panhellenic community.

Initiation also took place on November 14, with assistance from collegians from the Chi Chapter

at Syracuse. Fifty-seven women were initiated into Theta Lambda, two of whom were legacies. Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina, Fraternity president, and Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, Fraternity ritualist and NPC delegate, presided over the services. Thank you to the additional Fraternity officers and staff who participated in the events.

Theta Lambda members hail from 20 US states as well as South Korea, Mexico, China, and Thailand. They are supported by an especially caring and committed advisory board of seven alumnae.

"Theta stood out to me as an opportunity to create friendships with women outside my major and class year," said sophomore Alexis Wallace. "I loved Theta's emphasis on scholarship and leadership, and was inspired by its history as one of the first support systems for women. Though I never thought I would join a Greek organization, I am grateful that I found Theta. I've met so many incredibly dynamic, diverse, and ambitious women, and I'm proud to call them my sisters!"



UNIVERSITY of  
**ROCHESTER**

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[thetalambda.kappaalpha-theta.org](http://thetalambda.kappaalpha-theta.org)



Wondering whether you should join more than  
800 Thetas at Grand Convention 2016?  
Yes, you should!

# Don't miss

Here's a preview of what you'll experience  
in three incredible June days at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix.

**Thurs.**

**Thursday, June 23**

- Pre-Convention Education Sessions
- Convention Welcome
- Alumnae and Collegian Mixers

**Sat.**

**Saturday, June 25**

- Business Sessions, featuring voting on bylaws amendments, recommendations and resolutions, and the announcement of Grand Convention 2018.
- Initiation
- Education Sessions for non-delegates
- Banquet Procession and Convention Banquet

**Fri.**

**Friday, June 24**

- Nikê, the ritual service that opens each Convention
- Business Sessions, featuring the Fraternity president's address plus Grand Council elections
- Education Sessions for non-delegates
- Keynote Speaker *Brooke Johnson*, *T/Northwestern*, creator of popular Food Network and Cooking Channel programs
- An Evening of Recognition

**Sun.**

**Sunday, June 16**

- Stay late on Sunday or extend your trip to Monday for sightseeing in the Phoenix area.





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Visit  
**grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org**  
for complete Convention information!

## Where and When Is Grand Convention?

Grand Convention 2016 will be held at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona, from Thursday, June 23, to Sunday, June 26.

## Who should attend Convention?

### Any Interested Theta

You don't need to be a delegate to join Theta leading women at Convention! Learn more about options and opportunities at [grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org](http://grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org).

### College Chapter Delegate

There is one college chapter delegate per chapter. Each chapter chief executive officer must attend as the voting chapter delegate unless permission is received from the relevant college district director to send another chapter member in her place.

### Alumnae Chapter Delegate

Each alumnae chapter is encouraged to send one voting delegate to Grand Convention.

## When and how can I register? What is the registration deadline?

Registration will be available online at [grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org](http://grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org).

### Voting delegates

Registration opened on February 15 and will close on March 30 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

### Non-delegates

Registration will open on April 1, 2016 and will close (space permitting) on May 15 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. An early-bird registration rate is being offered through April 30.

## Will there be any time to sightsee or enjoy the facilities at the Biltmore?

The Arizona Biltmore is offering a special pre- and post-Convention guest-room rate of \$129 per night. The Convention schedule is full, so attendees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to add an extra day for relaxation and sightseeing.

## What's new for Convention 2016?

Thanks to feedback from attendees at Grand Convention 2014, we're offering even more opportunities for networking and leadership education! Optional pre-Convention programming will be offered free of charge the afternoon of Thursday, June 23, and educational breakout sessions are scheduled for non-delegates during the business sessions. The breakfasts are program-free to facilitate idea-sharing.

## Other questions?

For general Convention questions:  
Mindy Marshall, director of administration,  
([mmarshall@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:mmarshall@kappaalphatheta.org)).

For questions regarding registration:  
Chris Finley, new member/registration coordinator,  
([cfinley@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:cfinley@kappaalphatheta.org)). ♦



MILLENNIALS. YOU'RE PROBABLY FAMILIAR WITH THE NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES THAT PAINT THE GENERATION BORN DURING THE '80S AND EARLY '90S AS SELF-CENTERED, ENTITLED, AND APATHETIC. THE BUDDING CAREER OF JOURNALIST **SAMANTHA SCHMIDT, B/INDIANA** DEMONSTRATES JUST HOW ACUTELY THESE STEREOTYPES UNDERESTIMATE YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALSO MAKES HER A ...

# LEADING WOMAN

**SAMANTHA SCHMIDT, B/INDIANA**

BY LAUREN MCCARTY PALMER, THETA STAFF

Last June, Samantha Schmidt, a 21-year-old Minnesota native, won the 2015 Hearst Journalism Awards Program's national writing championship, a months-long competition that culminated in an intense San Francisco showdown, requiring finalists to scuttle around the city reporting complex stories on extremely tight deadlines. Schmidt beat out the best journalism students in the country to take home the top prize.

Her interest in journalism is rooted in her bicultural, bilingual upbringing. Childhood trips to her mother's homeland of Costa Rica infused her with a thirst for new experiences, and joining the staff of her high school newspaper cemented her future career plans.

At Indiana University's Media School, Schmidt found a tribe to support her professional ambitions. "Through my internships and work with the student newspaper, I've fallen even more in love with reporting. I get to learn something new every day and tell stories that could potentially lead to major change. What job could possibly be better?" she says.

During her tenure at the *Indiana Daily Student*, Schmidt's acclaimed reporting included "Caught in the Gray Zone," an in-depth feature on the complex issue of campus sexual assault through the lens of one IU student's September 2013 rape.

Schmidt spends a lot of time with her journalism classmates and sought out Greek life to diversify her college experience. The motivated, inclusive women of Beta Chapter drew her in. "I was immediately drawn to our chapter because each member is dif-

ferent but deeply involved in something she cares about—whether it's fundraising for the IU Dance Marathon, competing with a business club, taking premed classes, or performing in a ballet recital. Most importantly, everyone is extremely encouraging."

Eager to lay the foundation for her future during the formative years of college, Schmidt believes in taking advantage of as many opportunities as possible and not wasting a cent of her college tuition. She contends the Theta experience continues to retain its relevance in the modern college environment. "Theta provides a support system to encourage college women to excel in every aspect of their lives. It provides great opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus. It's a chance to surround yourself with people who will push you further while also providing the balance you need to enjoy your time in college."

After studying in Amman, Jordan, to strengthen her Arabic and try her hand at reporting in a foreign country, Schmidt said Theta love matters even more far from home. "I loved knowing that even when I was studying abroad in the Middle East, my Theta sisters are supporting me the entire way," she said. "I am always the happiest when I am busy doing work that I care about, and when I surround myself with supportive, loving people."

After her time in Jordan, Schmidt plans to set her sights on a full-time reporting job at a major US metro newspaper. "The journalism field is always changing and is never quite stable," she said. "But I'm confident that as long as I'm reporting, I'll be happy." ♦



Samantha Schmidt, B/Indiana



## Bianca Vitureira A THETA OF NOTE



**BIANCA VITUREIRA, ETA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA,** FULFILLED A LIFELONG DREAM WHEN SHE ATTENDED THE 2015 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL. BUT SHE WAS NOT SIMPLY AN ATTENDEE; THE SENIOR FILM AND CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR WAS CHOSEN TO CREATE AND SUBMIT A FILM AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL'S FILMMAKING PROGRAM.

### TELL US SOMETHING WE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT FILM FESTIVALS.

The job opportunities are endless. You might think it's hard to find a place in the film industry, but at Cannes, I could walk into many different production companies' booths and speak to them about job opportunities and internships. Also, you can actually interact with a lot of higher-ups in the film world, even famous actors and directors. I used to think those people were probably in restricted areas because of paparazzi, but in France there were no paparazzi anywhere around the city except for the red carpet. The famous people would hang out at restaurants around the city like anyone else would, just relaxing and talking.

### WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?

In five years I would love to be in California on a film set or writing. I love both equally, so I am hoping to become a scriptwriter, a script supervisor, or a producer.

### WHAT TALENT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?

I wish I could sing well because I love to sing, but it doesn't sound great when I do.

### WHAT ONE THING REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

When my dog, Mushu, cuddles me to wake me up in the morning. He's a little Shih Tzu with a fluffy head of hair and two different-colored eyes, one blue and one green.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WORD? YOUR LEAST FAVORITE WORD?

Favorite: *Dude*. Least favorite: *Like*. *Like*, for example, when people say *like* too much, *like* when they're—*like*—telling a story, and like don't know when to stop saying *like*. It's the English major in me.

### LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT ...

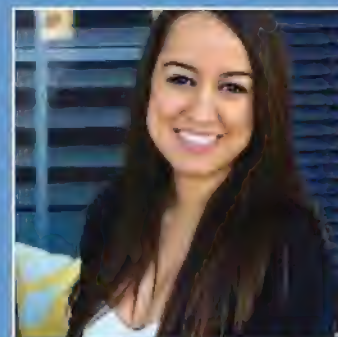
... I play video games like *Call of Duty*, *Halo*, and *FIFA* in my free time.

### WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

I value that all of my friends are trustworthy and honest. If you're not honest, then you can't be trusted. If you can't be trusted then how can you be a good friend? I like to surround myself with positive people who lift you up with them rather than tear you down.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

On chapter retreat one year, we went to a beautiful resort and there was a lazy river around the pool. My Theta family line and I lost track of how many times we floated around it just talking and laughing, spending the entire day relaxing together. ♦



Bianca Vitureira, HΘ/Central Florida

*"I like to surround myself with positive people who lift you up with them rather than tear you down."*



## HOW TO—



## — HELP SOMEONE WHO'S GRIEVING

**BARBARA KOOS, ZETA UPSILON/UT DALLAS, IS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY. KOOS HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE ALUMNA FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY SECRETARY OF THE DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER AND A MEMBER OF THE PLANO ALUMNAE CHAPTER. SHE SPECIALIZES IN WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS WITH EMOTIONAL AND COGNITIVE ISSUES.**

**BY LISA GEBKEN THIBAUT, EI/WESTMINSTER, FRATERNITY STAFF**



Barbara Koos, ZY/UT Dallas

**H**ave you ever lost a family member? A friend? A beloved pet? A job? Although loss is a common bond that all human beings share, trying to comfort someone who is grieving can leave us feeling lost ourselves.

Loss comes in many forms and on many different levels; in fact, the feeling of loss may not be caused by someone dying. People grieve in many ways—there is no right or wrong way—and some people may have extreme emotional and behavioral reactions. Below is a general guide for comforting someone who has experienced a loss.

1. Acknowledge the loss. Don't walk away the second someone tells you she is going through a hard time, and don't change the subject immediately to avoid an uncomfortable topic. Once you do that, the interaction has become about you and not the person who is suffering a loss. Loss is part of life, and avoiding the conversation (however difficult it may be) is only going to make it worse for the person involved. Instead, take the time to listen!
2. Validate her pain. No loss is too small to be validated. You are there to provide support, not to decide how the grief-stricken should feel. You might say something like, "That must be really painful for you right now" or "I can't imagine how you must be feeling right now, but I am here to listen if you need to

talk." Avoid devaluing their pain. Do NOT say things like "It's just a cat!" "You can just get a new pet," or "You'll get over it. Time heals all wounds."

3. Give her time and space to heal and acknowledge your powerlessness. We may want to move mountains and get the person feeling better ... PRONTO! The reality is that healing takes time, and there is only so much you can do. If she says she doesn't want to talk or refuses your offer for help, don't push the subject.
4. Offer tangible support. Instead of a vague "Call me if you need any help," make your offer more specific. People in grief may have difficulty making decisions. Look around and see what her needs might be. Does she need some help with meals? Offer to bring a pizza and salad for a meal one night. Or "I'll do a load of laundry for you!" Or "I'm going to the grocery store. What can I get for you?"
5. Relate to her loss. What would you want someone to say and do if you were grieving? Acknowledge your own emotions and feelings about loss, and don't be afraid to communicate those feelings to others. Don't be afraid to confront and cope with the loss in your own life.
6. Just be present. Sometimes you don't have to say or do anything! Your presence alone may be enough to comfort someone. Make sure to regularly make your presence known and offer support. ◇

**Do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?**  
If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, website specialist,  
lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org.  
We'd love to hear from you!





Reading women interested in books by Theta authors have many choices! More than 1,200 books authored by Thetas are part of the archive; 325 are currently displayed at Fraternity headquarters.

## “CAN YOU RECOMMEND A THETA AUTHOR?”

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, CA, AX/PURDUE

IN THE BOARDROOM AT THETA HEADQUARTERS, TWO BOOKCASES FLANK A PORTRAIT OF BETTIE LOCKE. THEY ARE FILLED WITH VOLUMES WRITTEN EITHER BY OR ABOUT THETAS. WHILE MANY OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH RECENT AUTHORS LIKE **KELLY CORRIGAN, EPSILON PSI/RICHMOND**, AND **DRUSILLA GREEN CAMPBELL, GAMMA XI/SAN JOSE STATE**, I THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE A FEW NAMES AND TITLES OF THETA AUTHORS FROM THE PAST.

### FICTION

**MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS, Φ/WISCONSIN**

*The Yearling* (1938) is a coming-of-age story set in the Florida backwoods. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1939. *Cross Creek* (1942) is Rawlings's autobiography.

**SUZANNE PHILLIPS CLAUSER, B/INDIANA**

*A Girl Named Sooner* (1972) is a tale of relationships and redemption.

**ISABELLE CHRISTIAN HOLLAND, AΦ/TULANE**

*The Man Without a Face* (1972) and *Bump in the Night* (1988). Holland's suspense novels for young adults tackle difficult subjects such as rape, incest, teen pregnancy, sexual abuse, and homosexuality.

**HARRIET HUNTINGTON DOERR, ΦΔ/STANFORD**

*Stones for Ibarra* (1983). Doerr received the 1984 National Book Award for First Work of Fiction for this book, written when she was 73 years old. It tells the story of an American couple who move to Mexico to re-open an abandoned copper mine.

### NON-FICTION

**ANNA BOTSFORD COMSTOCK, I/CORNELL**

*Handbook of Nature Study* (1911) became a standard textbook for teachers and was later translated into eight languages. Comstock was named to the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Hall of Fame in 1988.

**MARTHA EVANS MARTIN, A/DEPAUW**

*The Friendly Stars* (1907) is a field guide to 20 of the brightest stars seen from the Northern Hemisphere.

**GLADYS BAGG TABER, AΨ/LAWRENCE**

*Harvest at Stillmeadow* (1940), is one of a series of books about her life in her 1690 Connecticut farmhouse.

**CORNELIA STRATTON PARKER, Ω/UC BERKELEY**

*An American Idyll: The Life and Times of Carlton H. Parker* (1919) is a memoir of her husband and their life together in early 20th century California.

**AGNES DEMILLE, BE/UCLA**

*Dance to the Piper* (1952) and *Speak to Me, Dance with Me* (1973) are two memoirs by this dance visionary.

**HELEN HULL JACOBS, Ω/UC BERKELEY**

*Beyond the Game* (1936) is a memoir by this Wimbledon champion. ♦



**Reading Women** is an online book club for Thetas. The club was created to connect members—both collegians and alumnae—from all around the world to share thoughts, ideas, and just generally engage with one another in a new and unique way.

For more information, go to [bit.ly/ReadingWomen](http://bit.ly/ReadingWomen) or email [readingwomen@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:readingwomen@kappaalphatheta.org).



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Margaret Guo, ZM/MIT

# MAVERICK IN MOTION

FROM RESEARCH AND COMPETITIVE SWIMMING TO HER DOUBLE MAJOR IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/COMPUTER SCIENCE AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, MIT SENIOR **MARGARET GUO** BREAKS NEW GROUND AND SHARES MOTIVATIONAL MESSAGES WITH HUNDREDS OF WOMEN.

BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, Δ/ILLINOIS

**I**magine a world where medical technology can create personalized organs—a human heart, built specifically to beat for you—or customized tissue with no threat of rejection.

This is the realm that senior Margaret Guo not only envisions, but hopes to pioneer.

“It used to be either/or with medicine and technology,” said **Guo, Zeta Mu/MIT**. “But in my lifetime, these two areas will become more compatible and there will be combinations that haven’t happened before.

“My dream is to become a physician-scientist and a leader in medical technology.”

Managing a double major in electrical engineering/computer science and biological engineering, along with research, pending patents, and competitive swimming, Guo is a master of innovative combinations and the pursuit of big dreams. And as president of MIT’s chapter of the Society of Women Engineers, she’s equally passionate about recruiting more women to the fields she loves—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

*“Theta has definitely inspired me to be a better person.”*



"I had early exposure because my parents are in technology fields," said Guo of her father, Qiang Guo, a software developer for Dell, and her mother, Hong Gan, an electrical engineer who works in the Connectivity Lab for Facebook. "My mom is my biggest role model. She showed me the amazing things that women can do."

## SUPPORT FROM THE START

Growing up, Guo attended nine different schools before graduating from high school in San Diego, California. One constant, however, connected numerous classrooms and locations: a love for math and science. She recalls that mentors always appeared, too, offering just the right nudges.

"One of my favorites was my chemistry teacher, who encouraged me to do lab projects," Guo said. The same teacher knew of her passion for mathematics, and encouraged the combination of math and science.

"I like viewing the world in numbers, and in a very objective manner," she added. "The quantitative approach is why I eventually went into engineering."

Guo recalls a high-school English teacher whose mantra was to think outside of the box: it was the only way to make a difference in the world. And her high school swim coach stressed the importance of commitment by repeatedly referring to the business fable of the chicken and the pig: when producing a dish made of ham and eggs, the pig provides the ham, which requires his sacrifice, and the chicken provides the eggs, which are not difficult to produce. Therefore, the pig is really committed in that dish, while the chicken is only involved.

Mentors and their messages resonated with Guo, who says everything "cemented" during her sophomore year at MIT when she took a course entitled Quantitative Systems in Physiology.

"I knew exactly what I wanted to do," she recalled. "I like to build things, and I enjoy the STEM fields in general. So I was attracted to the idea of using biology to create something new." Combined with electrical engineering and computer science, which quantify information using code, these areas of study will prepare Guo to someday construct new applications and build medical devices.

It's also a synthesis that begs intriguing questions, she says. "How can we create parts of the human body from a mathematical model or think of the human body according to a systems approach? How do different pathways work? What can a protein or gene do?"

"In the future, answers to these questions might be used to build an artificial organ from scratch, or to create bone or tissue. Medical technology could eliminate problems with tissue rejection and reduce the need for organ donors."

## THE MIT MATCH

Pursuing a path that prioritized science, technology, engineering, and mathematics led Guo from the California coast to the East, where she felt MIT offered the optimal student-athlete experience. Here, she combines a rigorous academic schedule with laps—specifically, sprint butterfly and freestyle events as a member of MIT's swimming and diving team. She recently achieved a career-best time in the 100-yard butterfly, touching the wall in 57:16.

"I enjoy the spirit, camaraderie, and sense of community that swimming gives me," says Guo, who also swam competitively in high school. "When my classwork is heavy and my experiments are going badly, it gives me balance."

Swimming also earns her accolades. As a junior, Guo received the NCAA Elite 89 Award at the NCAA Swimming and Diving National Championships. Founded by the NCAA, this award recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers.

At the conclusion of her successful junior year season, Guo became one of four MIT students to receive the Barry Goldwater Scholarship Award on the basis of academic merit. She was selected from a field of 1,206 candidates nominated by university faculty nationwide.

"I'm a huge believer that life is a marathon, not a sprint," Guo says. "Being a team player is really important to me, too. None of my achievements would have been possible without my friends, professors, and teammates."

Support and kinship also drew Guo to Theta. "I found something here that I didn't find anywhere else—women who were super dedicated and motivated to do well, but were also part of a group that pursued the adventure of MIT together. My sisters are so accomplished; they'll be amazing women throughout their lives.

"Theta has definitely inspired me to be a better person."

## SEEKING ANSWERS; SHARING ENTHUSIASM

Even though she's years from launching her career, Guo already enjoys name recognition in the world of technology. She is among those listed on a pending patent for a new-generation pacemaker, an innovative device she researched during a freshman internship in the cardiovascular department at Medtronic, a medical technology and services company.

Currently, pacemakers are implanted just under the skin in the chest, with wires called leads that go into the heart. Wires can break, wear out, or become infected, and are the main weaknesses of these pacing systems.



Guo with her "little," Anjali Krishnamachar, at the Zeta Mu facility before recruitment.

*"I enjoy the spirit, camaraderie, and sense of community that swimming gives me. When my classwork is heavy and my experiments are going bad, it gives me balance."*



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By contrast, the new-generation pacemaker is wireless and is only about the size of a large pill. It can be placed without surgery through a tube into a blood vessel in the groin and attached to the right side of the heart.

"The algorithm has changed for optimizing detection of an EKG signal, and this very small device will sense electrical signals from the heart wirelessly," Guo explains. The Medtronic team expects to get patent approval within a year.



Guo also has a patent pending on software she developed as part of an MIT research group that focuses on quantitative physiology. Specifically, the program quantifies sedation levels needed by patients for emergency room procedures.

"The software takes a signal, processes it, and shows the depth of a patient's sedation level," she says. "It quantifies whether the person can go straight to a procedure or needs more sedation."

It is this body of work that Guo connects to her role as president of MIT's chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). The group, which numbers about 300 and has increased by 15 percent under Guo's leadership, focuses on outreach.

"We visit schools and invite students to come to MIT, where we run experiments and take them on lab tours," she says. "Our message to kindergarteners through high schoolers is simple: You can be a female engineer."

Professional development is also part of SWE's mission. Currently, women account for 20 percent of entry-level technology positions, but their presence drops to five percent at higher levels. "We want women to pursue engineering positions after they leave college and to stay in the technology field," says Guo. "And we need to make tech companies aware of biases and prejudices, and to embrace diversity."

"Our members are a bridge to other minority groups and a constant presence on campus. SWE is for everyone and anyone who embraces our mission."

## PROGRAMMING THE NEXT PHASE

Channeling the chicken and pig fable, Guo's post-graduation path epitomizes commitment. She's applying to physician-scientist training programs, in which she will earn a medical degree and a PhD in biomedical engineering over the next seven or eight years. Structure varies among programs, but students generally spend two years on basic medical school curricula, three to four years doing PhD work, and next complete two more years in medical school.

"As a physician-scientist, I would practice clinically and translate my practice from 'bedside to bench' to inform my research, and then 'bench-to-bedside' to engineer new technologies that can transform health-care," Guo explains.

Throughout the journey, she'll draw on lessons learned from her earliest mentors and role models, along with insights gained from a challenging—and very rewarding—college experience.

"Not being afraid of failure is key to success," she says. "If you don't occasionally fail, you didn't try hard enough. What matters is what you make of it—how you transform yourself and get better."

"I remember a classroom poster I liked that said, 'Well-behaved women never make history.' Women have opportunities to make a difference, break some boundaries, and refuse to conform to what everyone else says." ♦

*About the author:* Her father was a professor of chemical engineering, but writer **Jan Mathew** always felt that the STEM genes skipped her completely. She's also someone who swims best with a flotation device and, as such, was especially impressed by Margaret Guo.

(Left) Guo received the NCAA Elite 89 Award, which recognizes student athletes for excellence in competition at the national level as well as achievement at the highest academic standard.





# LEADING STEM WOMEN

Women have historically been underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). **Margaret Guo, Zeta Mu/MIT**, noted in the preceding article that women account for only 20 percent of entry-level technology positions, and their presence actually drops to five percent at higher levels.

Leading women that we are, though, Thetas have been notable in STEM fields since our founding.

In fact, founder **Hannah Fitch Shaw** was a scholar and innovator throughout her lifetime. In 1886, she received a US patent for a “new and improved Dust-Pan” that had multiple purposes: collecting and holding dust efficiently, removing excess water while wet-mopping, and holding small bits of debris when attached to the wall as a decorative pocket.

Other Thetas have made significant accomplishments in disciplines ranging from exploration to primatology to bacteriology.

A research scientist, **Mathilda Moldenhauer Brooks, Alpha Omega/Pittsburgh**, is credited with discovering methylene blue, an effective treatment for patients affected by carbon monoxide poisoning or cyanide poisoning.

A pioneer in the study of relationships that form what we now call ecosystems and a conservationist before most people knew what the word meant, **Anna Botsford Comstock, Iota/Cornell**, was the first woman appointed to the faculty at Cornell

and one of the first four women admitted to Sigma Xi national honor society for the sciences.

**Dian Fossey, Gamma Xi/San Jose State**, was one of the world’s first female primatologists. In the mountains of Rwanda, she studied mountain gorillas in their natural environment, becoming a leading authority and an activist in preventing their extinction.

**Nora Welbourn Dietlein, Beta Chi/Alberta**, discovered a membrane that contains blood while allowing oxygen to flow into it and carbon dioxide to flow out.

**Jean Hanmer Pearson, Eta/Michigan**, was a longtime science writer for the *Detroit News* and among the first women to land in Antarctica in 1969.

A botany instructor at Smith, **Julia Warner Snow, Iota/Cornell**, was the first to teach bacteriology at the college in 1902. She worked extensively on freshwater algae and discovered several new species in the early 1900s.

**Madge Robertson Watt, Sigma/Toronto**, was instrumental in the establishment of Women’s Institutes, which led to significant increases in food production in Britain during World War II. She was the first president of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, which now claims more than 7 million members in approximately 70 countries.

Do you know a Theta accomplished in one of the STEM fields?  
Let us know! Send a message to [archives@kappalphatheta.org](mailto:archives@kappalphatheta.org).







Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State

*"Sharing the gift of lifelong, active membership and support with our sisters is truly the gift that keeps giving."*

# A CAUSE CLOSE TO HER HEART

BY LAUREN MCCARTY PALMER, THETA STAFF

On any given day, you can find this leading woman on Twitter spreading #Thetalove, and the name of her Twitter handle says it all: she's @KAOLisa. As a Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation trustee, former district officer, and member of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter, Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State, lives her Theta values and advocates for the causes she holds dear. One cause close to Olney's heart is the Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal Program.

A charter Life Loyal member, Olney has subsequently given Life Loyal memberships to 13 other Thetas and has plans to raise that number to 15 by Grand Convention 2016. "In 2010, I began giving two Life Loyal memberships annually to members of the two chapters closest to my Theta experience: Eta Xi/Quinnipiac, which I've had the honor of supporting and working with since 2006, and my own college chapter where my Theta roots began, Delta Epsilon/Arizona State," Olney explained.

Olney's Theta story began at Arizona State and continues in Westchester County, New York, where she lives with her husband, Buster, and children, Sydney and Jake. After moving to Westchester, she lost touch with Theta. But she said she always held on to the "Theta for a Lifetime" lesson and looked forward to re-engaging at some point through an alumnae chapter. Fifteen years later, in 2006, she got her chance.

"I had the opportunity to found the Westchester Alumnae Chapter with two other ladies, and that's when my Theta experience began anew," said Olney. "I have been an active Theta member and volunteer ever since!" Olney said her work with Kappa Alpha Theta has been extremely rewarding. "From sharing the bonds of sisterhood with our alumnae and college members to supporting one another in making a difference in the world, Kappa Alpha Theta offers a very professional touch to the volunteer experience."

In addition to volunteering for Theta, Olney said supporting the Life Loyal program is one of her favorite ways to give back. "Sharing the gift of lifelong, active membership and support with our sisters is truly the gift that keeps giving, both to a sister's lifelong, personal Theta journey and to keep Thetas everywhere connected."





## BECOME A LIFE LOYAL THETA! These women enrolled between August 1 and October 31, 2015

### B/INDIANA

Alisa Hendrix

### Γ/BUTLER

Mary Kate Kronzer

### ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Rebecca Monroe Wick

### N/HANOVER

Emily M. Berry

### O/USC

Deborah Davila McGuire  
Ingra Fancher Stimach

### Υ/MINNESOTA

Becky Mohn

### Φ/PACIFIC

Lorena Velazquez Garbarino

### Ψ/WISCONSIN

Heidi Locker-Scheer  
Elizabeth Rosemurgy Wood

### ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Katharine Mary Jobko

### ΑΗ/VANDERBILT

Annalisa Olivia Jenner  
Jean Kirby Jones  
Catherine Schneider  
Mary Schlater Stumb

### ΑΘ/TEXAS

Julie Woods Clancy

### ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Karen Mai White

### ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Kay Salem Widdis

### ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

Jill Birnbaum Marent

### ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Robin Michelle Lieberman

### ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH

Heather Chronis

### ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Denny Keyes Alspach

### ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Karli Erin Olsen

### ΒΜ/NEVADA

Cindy Lynn Armentrout

### ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Samantha B. Golden

### ΒΞ/UCLA

Kelsey A. Hill

### ΒΡ/DUKE

Sally Overaker Zumer

### ΒΣ/SMU

Morgan M. Allen  
Kay Smith Strother

### ΒΤ/DENISON

Shan Heyman Burchenal

### ΒΧ/ALBERTA

Brittany Hagman Barsi

### ΓΔ/GEORGIA

Leslie Eggert Scales-Holloway

### ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Patricia S. Adair

### ΓΙ/KENTUCKY

Carla Crum Cain

### ΓΜ/MARYLAND

Danielle Beauchamp  
Kara Beth Higgins

### ΓΞ/SAN JOSE STATE

Nancy C. Gregg

### ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE

Kerri Kinard Wilson

### ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

Carol Langford Cook

### ΓΨ/TCU

Alice Smith

### ΓΩ/AUBURN

Nancy Hefflin Bridges  
Elizabeth Linder Graverson

### ΔΘ/FLORIDA

Noelle Casagrande-Montgomery

### ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M

Sabrina Stephens Mosley  
Merry Moskal Raba

### ΕΕ/BAYLOR

Carol Vahue Lovelady  
Rachel A. Slate

### ΕΖ/MISSISSIPPI

Kathryn Mitchell Williams  
Patricia E. Wiseman

### ΖΗ/WOFFORD

Ashlee Louise Moody

### ΖΝ/UC DAVIS

Samantha L. Dullea

### ΖΡ/UC SAN DIEGO

Anne Tobias

### ΗΘ/CENTRAL FLORIDA

Kelly Ann A. Hansen

### ΗΑ/-

Chloe Wilson Sommers ◇

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to provide your contact  
and payment information  
over the phone.

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and mail the completed form  
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## BUSTING MYTHS ABOUT LIFE LOYAL! DID YOU KNOW...?

A Life Loyal membership costs \$299, and it's a one-time fee.

Life Loyal membership covers Fraternity dues for life.\*

Life Loyal members receive a lifetime subscription to the  
*Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*.

For most members,  
a Life Loyal membership pays for itself within 10 years.  
For a 50-year Theta, it pays for itself within six years.

Members receive a welcome packet with a lapel pin,  
personalized membership card, and limited-edition gift.

Leadership and educational opportunities,  
such as the StrengthsQuest program,  
are provided to Life Loyal members at no charge.

\*not including alumnae chapter dues







## COLLEGIANS & ALUMNAE

- A** High school classmates and chapter CEOs Jessica Westberry, EP/Richmond, Courtney Burke, EM/Princeton, and Megan Porter, ΔX/Virginia, posed for a photo together.
- B** Beta Upsilon/British Columbia members celebrated Bettie Locke's birthday and Day of Service by volunteering at "Light the Night," a walk for the Leukemia Society.
- C** Eta Upsilon/San Francisco members volunteered at a food bank to celebrate Day of Service. Pictured are Jessica Alva, Christine Coughlan, and Nicole Robichaud.
- D** Seniors Sam Hillis, Alyssa Alvarez, and Lara Winkler, all HN/Lake Forest, celebrated Bid Day 2015.

- E** Alpha Mu/Missouri alumnae attended Sheryl Crow's benefit concert for the University of Missouri School of Music.
- F** The sisters of Zeta Tau/Delaware traveled to Rehoboth Beach to help make a cleaner environment for residents, tourists, and marine animals. Not only did they clean the beach, they also promoted nature conservancy and reflected on the important and influential role that Thetas and women of the Panhellenic community play in serving the community. The chapter's Day of Service trip was supported by a grant from Theta Foundation!

- G** For Day of Service, BE/UCLA members made Halloween goodie bags for CASA of Los Angeles.
- H** Kate Gleason Madigan, O/UC Berkeley, Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State, and Christina Litavec, Λ/Vermont, at My Sisters' Place's annual Fall Luncheon to raise awareness for domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.
- I** Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor alumnae attended the chapter's Initiation Service.
- J** For the second year, the Southern Denton County Alumnae Chapter assisted Denton County CASA with its annual fund-raiser "Evening of Elegance." Pictured are

## THETAS OF NOTE



Renee P. Wynn, A/DePauw, was named chief information officer for NASA.



Marion Schlesinger John, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan, celebrated her 104th birthday in 2015.



Fraternity president Laura Ware Doerre, ΔE/North Carolina, was selected as an honoree for *Houston Business Journal's* Women in Energy Leadership Awards.



Tedra Cannella, ΔZ/Emory, was elected partner with the firm Butler Wooten Cheeley & Peak, LLP.

Deborah Plotsky, ΔZ/Emory, was a clown captain in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. She has participated in the parade four times.

Nancy Burns Strause, BT/Denison, was awarded Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the 2014 Central Ohio National Philanthropy Day and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Central Ohio Chapter.

Ohio Wesleyan University constructed an outdoor labyrinth in honor of **Kathe Law Rhinesmith**, ΓΔ/Ohio





Stephanie Nixon, AO/Oklahoma; Holly Fox, EE/Baylor; Jennifer Brown, ZY/UT Dallas; Susan Edwards, ΔΘ/Florida; and Nancy Mullins, EE/Baylor.

**K** Antoinette Lynch Simmons, Ω/UC Berkeley, Suzanne Hamilton Irving, O/USC, Jeanne Tyler Larson, AX/Purdue, and Grace Scholler Fenwick, BK/Drake, posed for a photo.

**L** In recognition of Day of Service, Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter members baked pumpkin bread to share the flavor of the season with the elderly home-bound residents served by Metroport Meals on Wheels. Executive Director of Metroport Meals on Wheels Mary Coleman King, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, was overwhelmed with the 99 loaves collected!

**M** Maury Cunningham, ΓY/Miami, and Francie Johnsen, EE/Baylor, got into the Christmas spirit with Santa Claus himself!

**N** The Spokane Alumnae Chapter enjoys volunteering at Christ Kitchen, a non-denominational ministry providing work, job training, support, and fellowship for women living in poverty in the Spokane area. Through the production and sales of gourmet dried food products, this ministry enables women to learn to work, become employable, and eventually support themselves. Chapter members prepped materials to get ready for the holiday basket season. These products are available at [www.christkitchen.org](http://www.christkitchen.org).

**O** The Miami Alumnae Chapter threw a Halloween party for more than 15 children

at the Children's Home Society for its annual Day of Service volunteer event. The children were treated to outdoor games, a pizza lunch complete with Halloween cupcakes, face painting, and a magic show.

**P** 75-year Theta Mary Elizabeth Frazee, AX/Purdue, was visited by her cousins, Ann Fawcett Murphy, AX/Purdue, Marti McConnell Bara, ΔΣ/Ball State, and Peggy Fawcett Edwards, AX/Purdue, to celebrate her 95th birthday.

Wesleyan, to symbolize the unification of religious traditions.

Joyce Fairbairn, BX/Alberta, was awarded the Order of Canada, which is the second-highest honor of merit in Canada. The order recognizes the distinguished service of those who make a major difference to Canada through their lifelong contributions.

Jill Giddens and Anne Marie Siddons Goodwin, both AO/Texas, own a company called me&re design and sell all kinds of home goods.

## PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS FOR THE THETA MAGAZINE

- Avoid distractions. Is there a cluttered dining table in the foreground? Do there appear to be trees growing out of your subjects' heads?
- Look for an action shot or an unusual perspective.
- In general, fewer people are better. A photo of a sea of faces is intimidating to the eye.
- Move in close. Make your subjects as large as possible in your viewfinder.
- Beware of shadows. Indoors, take one photo using the flash and one without the flash and submit the best result. Outdoors, use the flash to "fill in" shadows on faces.
- Set your camera for the largest image size and highest resolution possible. Photos for publication should have a resolution of 300 ppi (pixels per inch). Low resolution photos (72 ppi) will look fine on a website but will not reproduce well in print.
- Don't send color photocopies or photos clipped from other publications, except as reference material.
- Don't use photo-editing software to adjust the sharpness, color, or any other aspect of the image before submitting it.
- Include the names of the Thetas pictured and the name of the event in the caption.
- Don't show glasses or bottles that contain or look as if they might contain alcoholic beverages.





## ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

- A** Chicago Northshore Alumnae Chapter packed a pallet of food for Feed My Starving Children. The food is headed to Swaziland, in care of Children's Cup.
- B** Members of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter enjoyed lunch together.
- C** Members of the Spokane Alumnae Chapter celebrated the holiday season with some painting.
- D** Members from the 1979 new member class of Gamma Delta/Georgia held a reunion on St. Simons Island. Pictured are Linda Marshall Hale, Sally Parker White, Diane Weisbach Clegg, Renee Reeves Webb, Susan Donziger Sherman, Mildred Cross Spalding, Dana

Grubbs Andrews, and Kim Landon Boyd.

- E** The Greater Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter decorated more than 100 stockings and filled them with small gifts for the local Guardian ad Litem.
- F** The Emerald Coast Alumnae Chapter participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K, raising about \$800. The run was in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.
- G** Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter members collected hygiene products for People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), an organization founded by chapter member Claire Sorrells Orr, T/Northwestern. Fifty-three full bags were donated. PATH uses the bags of products

to start conversations with local homeless individuals, eventually building their trust enough to convince them to seek help at one of PATH's facilities.

- H** Nancy Ferguson Brede, AT/Ohio State, and her passenger, Marcia Brooks Browne, BT/Denison, carpooled after a lunch meeting at the Wee White House.
- I** Alumnae members of Beta Nu/Florida State gathered to reminisce in Tallahassee. It had been almost three decades since most of the women had seen one another!
- J** Delta Sigma/Ball State members Angie Goddard Smith, Amy Matheson Seward, Maureen Fahey Bowers, Julie Miller, and

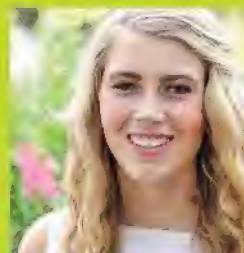
## THETA AUTHORS



Jackie Newgent, AT/Ohio State, released her book, *The All-Natural Diabetes Cookbook*, 2nd Edition.



Ann Costello, BP/Duke, published a book detailing the histories of the surviving self-education groups from the Women's Club Movement, 100 years ago. It is titled *Smart Women: The Search for America's Historic All-Women Study Clubs*.



Nancy Fairbank, ZY/UT Dallas, will publish a non-fiction book that shares the stories of homeless teenagers.



Kristin von Kreisler, AG/Texas, wrote *Earnest*, a story about what it means to bring a dog into a family and a look at the ways in which relationships between people can impact—and be impacted by—the lives of their pets.

Kathleen Rhoads Carpenter, IT/Rollins, released a murder mystery titled *Fall of Indian Summer*.

Sandy Martin Ericson, BZ/Oklahoma State, released her book called *The Book of Anne*, the story of the childhood of Jesus as told by his grandmother.

Erin Bentrim, ZH/Wofford, co-authored a book titled *Coordinating Student Affairs Divisional Assessment*. It creates a practical guide to leading and implementing an assessment program in different types of environments.





## REUNIONS

**Sharon Mueller Renner** vacationed together recently at Gutierrez's home in Phoenix for a reunion of new member class sisters, bigs and littles, and roommates.

**K** Members of the 1980 new member class of Alpha Theta/Texas reunited in Austin.

**L** Chris Haggmann Paschen, Betsey Livingston Useem, Barb Robinson Coates, Kathy Elliott Musgrave, JoAnn Dexter Evans, Jean Bonney Smith, Jan Beutell Cook, Faith Harris, Kathryn Olmstead, Jane Houston Peterson, Susan Leavitt Walling, Kirsten Lokvam Chapman, and Melinda Martin Sullivan, all Tau/Northwestern, met for their 50th reunion.

**M** Members of the 1988, 1989, and 1990 new member classes from FX/Fresno State got together in San Francisco.

**N** Amy Otten Staples, Elizabeth Lassiter Jurgens, Anne Davis, Gina Neuleib O'Shea, Karen Corrigan Thorpe, Andrea Becker Looney, Andrea Carson Tanner, Angel Reed Anbari, Mary Davis, Jennifer Gervasi Nelson, and Ali Stuart Meier, all Delta Zeta/Emory, gathered for brunch to celebrate their 20th college reunion.

**O** Alumnae members of Eta Theta/Central Florida gathered at the Eta Theta facility for a reunion.

**P** Waco Alumnae Chapter members and collegians from Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor enjoyed dinner together.

### Not pictured

Members of the 1961 new member class of Beta Pi/Michigan State reunited in Santa Rosa, California. Wina Meuser Jenkins, Lorelei Hoxie, Linda Brody Myers, Diane Sovey McCary, Deb Williams Thompson, Zaiga Kuze Moon, Peg Sweetland Hoonhout, Lynn Maynard Bolich, Ann Marcille Craigmile, Karel McCurry Howse, Nancy Buck Ging, and Anne Murray Deffley attended.

Margie Knight Gable, Ann Gamble Withrow, Mary Jane Bartlett Conrades, Mary Drabelle Luke, Anita Stanza Graves, and Nancy Chase Brandenburger, all AI/Washington-St. Louis, have met monthly to catch up since their graduation in 1945. ♦

**Elizabeth Sloan, BO/Iowa**, published *When Songbirds Returned to Paris*, a historical nonfiction book recreating the life of Cecily Lefort, a WWII spy and relative of Elizabeth's

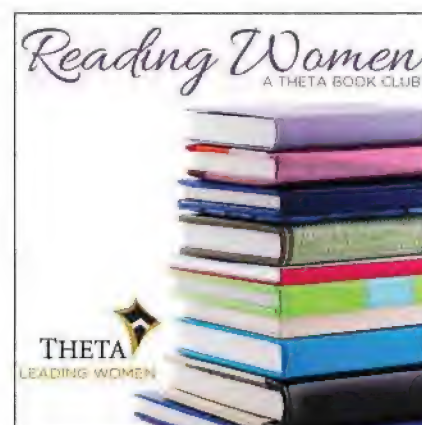
**Dr. Noelle Cross Nelson, BE/UCLA**, released *Happy Healthy ... Dead: Why What You Think You Know About Aging Is Wrong and How to Get It Right*. Nelson looks into what people can do to enjoy their later years to the fullest.

### JOIN THETA READING WOMEN

Reading Women is an online book club for Thetas. The club was created to connect members—both collegians and alumnae—from all around the world to share thoughts, ideas, and just generally engage with one another in a unique way.

All book club discussions take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 pm Eastern.

For more information about Theta's online book club, contact [readingwomen@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:readingwomen@kappaalphatheta.org).





"IF YOU ARE AN ALUMNA, THEN YOU PROBABLY HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSOR," FORMER FRATERNITY PRESIDENT KATIE BUSBY, PHD, EPSILON ZETA/MISSISSIPPI, WROTE IN A THETA BLOG POST LAST SPRING. "THIS PROFESSOR PROBABLY DIDN'T GIVE AN 'EASY A,' BUT THAT WASN'T WHY YOU TOOK THE CLASS. HE/SHE PROBABLY CHALLENGED YOU TO ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN YOU THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE WHILE DEMONSTRATING A PASSION FOR KNOWLEDGE AND A COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS."

## OUTSTANDING FACULTY PERSONIFY THETA'S ASPIRATIONS

# BECOMING OUR BEST SELVES

FOR THE 2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR, KRISTIN ARIOLI, IOTA/CORNELL; EMILY HAMMER, GAMMA PHI/TEXAS TECH; AND JANE HORLINGS, RHO/NEBRASKA, SERVED ON THE OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE. IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF THIS HALLMARK PROGRAM, THE FRATERNITY RECOGNIZES FACULTY AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE THETA CHAPTERS ARE PRESENT FOR THEIR PASSION TO INSPIRE STUDENTS AND ACTIONS THAT CONNECT TO THETA ASPIRATIONS: INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY, LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, AND PERSONAL EXCELLENCE. CANDIDATES ARE NOT LIMITED BY GENDER, FRATERNITY OR SORORITY AFFILIATION (OR NON-AFFILIATION), DISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE, OR NUMBER OF THETAS TAUGHT.

COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THESE FACULTY MEMBERS, IS ALSO A CORNERSTONE OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S MISSION. THIS SHARED COMMITMENT—AND THE DESIRE TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE LIVES OF THETAS ACROSS THE CONTINENT—WAS THE IMPETUS TO ESTABLISH THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD.



**DR. GEORGE BENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF ART  
AND ART HISTORY,  
WASHINGTON & LEE**



*Nominated by members of the Zeta Iota Chapter. "The term outstanding does not begin to describe Dr. Bent's achievements as a professor, advisor, and supporter of the arts. An expert on Medieval and Early Renaissance Italian art, he has an ability to captivate his listeners, regardless of skill level or previous experience in art history-based courses. Professor Bent's personal impact on the university stems largely from his involvement with students beyond the classroom setting. This year, Professor Bent supported Zeta Iota members' involvement with the W&L Repertory Dance Company by participating in the annual fundraising event for the program. He donned a tuxedo and gave his best John Travolta *Saturday Night Fever* impersonation to the Bee Gees' song, 'You Should Be Dancing'! Professor Bent has helped Zeta Iota members grow as researchers and writers and has encouraged members to pursue careers in the arts following graduation. He truly is a valuable mentor at Washington & Lee, and the inspirational figure to whom many students owe much success."*



**DR. ALLISON CALHOUN, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, WHITMAN COLLEGE**

*Nominated by members of the Delta Delta Chapter.* "Allison Calhoun is a dedicated and inspiring professor who demonstrates her passion for her subject every day in class and her care for her students with every interaction. Prior to teaching, she worked in industry, managing an application laboratory. She has several patents and publications in peer-reviewed journals to her name, and she is currently writing a textbook on advanced general chemistry. Her care for her students is shown through the support she gave a Theta senior who failed her first try at senior orals. Allison talked her through it and gave her a 'courage necklace' to remind her that she studied, she is capable, and that there are people who love and support her. The Theta has worn it for every major exam and presentation since then, and it never fails to remind her that Allison cares about and believes in her students."



**MR. PETER GALLAY, DEPARTMENT OF ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY**

*Nominated by members of the Eta Xi Chapter.* "Peter teaches a course that travels to South Africa for educational and community service opportunities. Not only does he share his passion for the history and culture of that beautiful country, but he also pushes his students to be exceptional members of the community. He wants every student to aspire for the wider good of the global community, and he believes that we have the opportunity to never stop growing and reaching for excellence. Peter helps all his students reach success in academics and in leadership and personal excellence as well. The number-one lesson Peter informs every student is that as much as you want to make an impact on another person, you will never know if you did or not. This is why you must take every interaction with another and make it impact **you**. Having a connection with a professor like Peter has helped not only those members who have had him, but also the chapter as a whole, due to those members being role models and inspiring those around them."



**DR. RICHARD HARDY, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

*Nominated by members of the Beta Chapter.* "In the world of biology academia, undergraduates are at the bottom of the food chain. As faculty members immerse themselves in progressive and innovative research, teaching often becomes a secondary priority. Professor Hardy stands as an exception to the trend. In his course on the microbiology of infectious diseases, including some of the world's most prevalent infections, like dengue fever, malaria, human immunodeficiency virus, and influenza, he challenged students to think beyond the biological mechanisms of the infectious agents and to consider the efficiency of public health policies implemented to combat the resulting diseases. His presentation of primary source material was unprecedented and extraordinarily helpful to all of his students, who will continue on to health professions and the natural sciences. Professor Hardy is eternally patient; no question is too simple or complex. Professor Hardy is a paradigm of the university professor and will continue to serve as an inspiration for biology students for years to come."



**DR. JUSTIN DYER, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**

*Nominated by members of the Alpha Mu Chapter.* "Professor Dyer teaches political science at the University of Missouri and is also the director of the Kinder Forum on Constitutional Democracy, a program that several Thetas are a part of. He prompts thinking rather than memorization, and his students gain a deeper understanding of the material rather than simply learn the facts. While

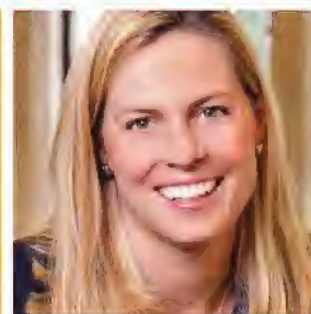


Professor Dyer has a personal relationship with his students, he has also cultivated a strong relationship with Theta by acting as our faculty advisor. He attends several chapter meetings each year and has also held forums to discuss important academic issues. Most recently,

as the director of the Kinder Forum, he partnered with Theta to orchestrate an event entitled "We the Women," which featured an educational film on the prevalence of sex trafficking in the US and what we can do to combat it. Professor Dyer's students leave his class more passionate about the subject and with a deeper understanding of the material; his students feel valued after spending time with him; and he is a tremendous asset to our campus, especially Alpha Mu."

**DR. KRISTEN JAMISON, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND**

*Nominated by members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter.* "Dr. Kristen Jamison is an extremely down-to-earth, relatable teacher, and she devotes her time to the thing she loves most: children in education. Dr. Jamison is one of those teachers our members aspire to be like. It is easy to tell just by the way she speaks that she is so passionate about her profession and career focus. Instead of a lab component to her courses, she wants her students to go into the real world and mentor children at various locations. Through this, she influences many of her students to mentor at local community organizations for underprivileged children. Many of our members mentored at these locations for their entire college careers here at Richmond. She continues to research the things she discusses in the classroom and keeps updated on the progress students are making in psychology and in the classroom. She is easily one of the most dedicated people we know, and she presents the class as a class you want to come to."





**DR. KATHERINE K. MERSETH, TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, HARVARD**

*Nominated by members of the Zeta Xi Chapter.* "Professor Kay Merseith pours her heart and soul into teaching, but more importantly, she pours them into her students. She constructs a curriculum that is split between personal reflection and academic discourse. In other words, her goal is to have students ask themselves difficult questions to justify why they believe what they believe, and then express the answers to those questions with well-developed arguments. One Theta student said, 'She has changed my life in many ways, and made me realize I want to do something to help people. Beyond her amazing capacities as an educator and mentor, she fights for the rights of every student in America, and is a woman who will go down in history as a champion in the field of education.' Professor Merseith's ability to move students to look within themselves, engage with academia, and reflect upon society and their roles in it not only speaks to the stimulation of intellectual curiosity, but also

to a sense of scholarship, leadership, and a desire to create the widest influence for good."



**DR. ROSEMARY OLIPHANT-INGHAM, DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**

*Nominated by members of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter.* "Dr. Rosemary Oliphant-Ingham, or Dr. Ol, as her students refer to her, embodies all the essential characteristics of a leading woman. She encourages lifelong learning and sets the example by continuing to take classes in subjects that do not pertain to her degree field. She taught in various underprivileged schools before working at the university and has shared with her students that challenging experiences can sometimes be the most rewarding experiences. Finally, Dr. Ol has the most generous heart at the university, and she truly represents everything Theta stands for. It may have been quite some time since Dr. Ol was a freshman in college, but I know if she were going through recruitment next fall, we would all be saying, 'Get that girl!'"

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BY HONOREES

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FIELD WITH  
MOST  
HONOREES

**DR. RUPERT NACOSTE, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, NORTH CAROLINA STATE**

*Nominated by members of the Theta Theta Chapter.* "Dr. Nacoste demonstrates Theta's aspirations in three distinct areas: scholarship, diversity, and growth. One Theta wrote, 'Dr. Nacoste is so passionate about what he teaches. He has so much knowledge as a social psychologist, so much history that he's lived through, and the stories he uses are real-life and so inspiring.' Dr. Nacoste's messages resonate particularly strongly with Thetas since he 'preaches cultural competence, how to accept and respect others as they are, and appreciate differences.' Another Theta described Dr. Nacoste as 'one of the best professors at State hands down. He pushes you to grow.' Dr. Nacoste and his classes have been described as life-changing by our sisters. 'Never in my life have I met such a joyous, inspiring man. Every time I have talked to Dr. Nacoste, I ask myself, How can I be as happy as him?'"



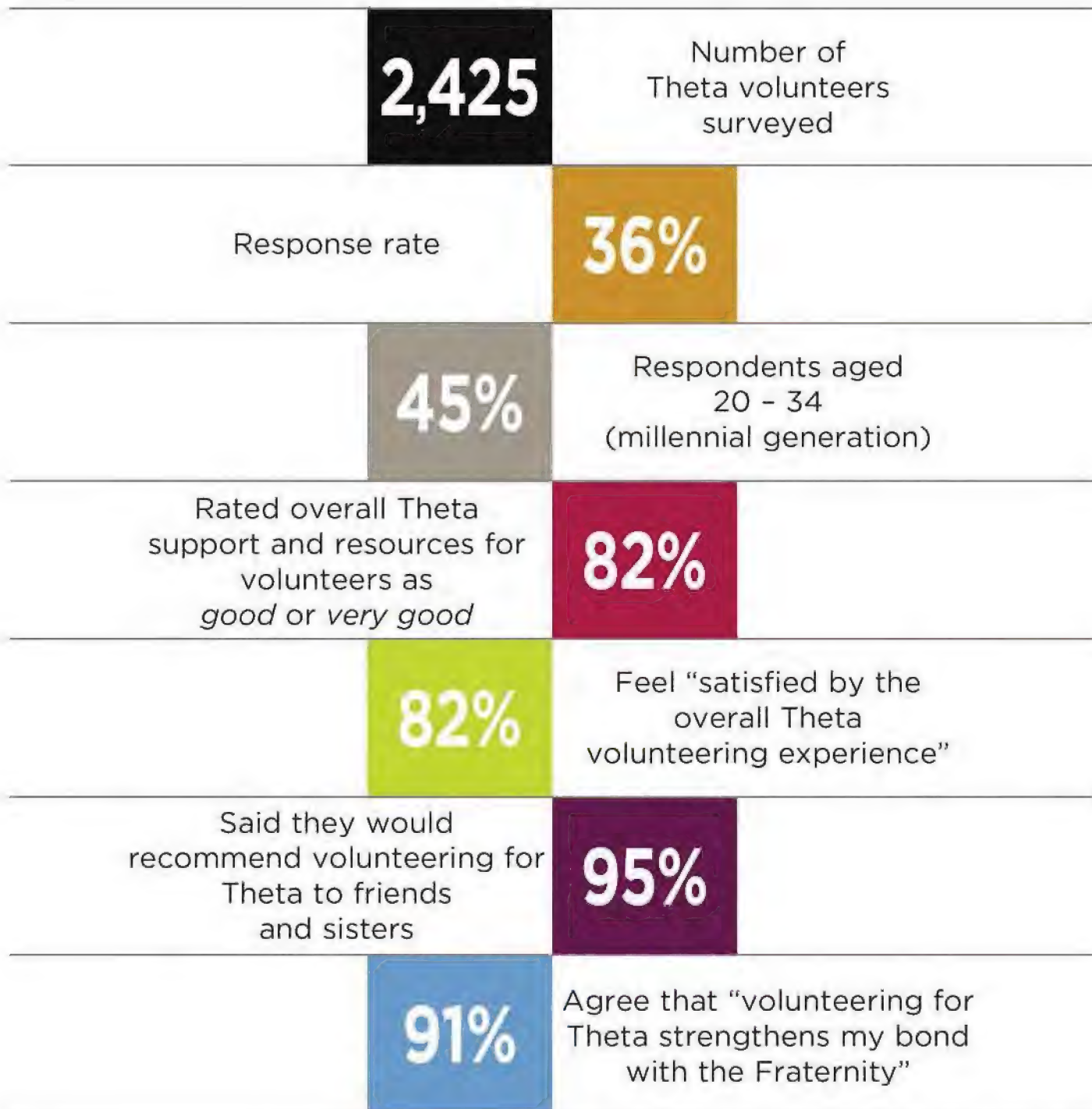
**DR. WILLIAM SMEDICK, CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP EDUCATION, JOHNS HOPKINS**

*Nominated by members of the Zeta Chi Chapter.* "Dr. Smedick teaches exactly what Theta seeks to teach us: how to be leading women. He teaches multiple leadership classes and is currently in the process of creating an entire leadership concentration. Not only do his classes teach how to be a leader, they teach how to be a socially conscious one. One of his most popular classes, Leading Social Change, is an immersive program in which he pushes each and every student to find a cause they are passionate about and go after it. He gives them the tools and resources necessary to pursue their idea, and even helps them find funding to start their own program

on campus or in the Baltimore community. Dr. Smedick's commitment to leadership, integrity, and social justice is undeniable, and he is more than just a teacher to his students: he is a mentor and even a friend. Dr. Smedick is a role model: he inspires his students to achieve their personal best and make a positive impact in their community and beyond, all while fueling their intellectual curiosity and helping them become socially conscious leaders." ♦







# THE *Theta*

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

A recent survey of our volunteers revealed that serving Theta is rewarding in many ways!

*Feedback from the survey will be used to guide future volunteer resources and support.*





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## 2015 NPC ANNUAL MEETING

# ADVANCING SORORITY... TOGETHER

BY LEESA JING, ALPHA CHI OMEGA, NPC INTERN



(Clockwise from bottom left.) Fraternity President Laura Ware Doerre, ΔΞ/North Carolina, was joined by former Fraternity presidents Mary Jane Parker Beach, BN/Florida State; Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ΓΤ/Tulsa; Amy Hayer Kates, ΑΦ/Tulane; and Lissa Luton Bradford, ΑΗ/Vanderbilt, at the NPC meeting

More than 225 supporters of the National Panhellenic Conference gathered in October for the 2015 annual meeting. NPC delegations, staff, inter/national presidents, executive directors, and communicators assembled in Irving, Texas, to reflect on NPC's accomplishments over the past year, learn from guest speakers, and plan for NPC's future.

The first day of the event included meetings for the Executive Committee, board of directors, inter/national presidents, executive directors, and communicators. The delegations gathered to discuss proposed legislation to prepare for the business sessions. The following day, the meeting officially opened with a business session. Once participants and guests were introduced and welcomed, NPC Chairman Jean Mrasek, Chi Omega, gave a state of NPC address. She highlighted 26 key accomplishments from the past year, including an approved NPC position statement against sexual assault; the inaugural College Panhellenic Academy; and a social media awareness campaign about the Red Zone, the first six weeks on campus when freshmen females are particularly vulnerable to sexual assault.

"Indeed, we have made great strides. NPC has found her voice. But our work continues," said Mrasek. "We must listen to the voices of our students, alumnae, interfraternal colleagues, and, yes, even our critics."

At the second business session that evening, delegates made history when they approved the proposed "Values-Based Recruitment" policy, which includes eliminating recruitment skits.

Saturday was filled with educational and inspirational guest speakers. During a town-hall-style meet-

ing, Steven Healy, partner at Margolis Healy; T. Rees Shapiro, education reporter for the *Washington Post*; and Andrea Nordmann, Texas Christian University chief compliance officer, shared a variety of perspectives about campus safety.

At the Celebrating Panhellenic Excellence Luncheon, the Phoenix Alumnae Panhellenic Association received the 2013-15 Harriett Block Macht Outstanding Alumnae Panhellenic Award. In addition, G. Andrew Hohn of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign received the Outstanding Panhellenic Advisor Award.

NPC Foundation Women in Higher Education Achievement Award recipient Laura Osteen, PhD, inspired luncheon attendees by sharing insights on the impact sororities could have on the next generation of college women. "Let us create space for greater complexity and commit through action—not only words—to diversity, and critically examine our costs within the broader higher education context in order to become the most trusted lifelong learning organizations," Osteen said.

During the final business session on Saturday, Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Gamma Tau/Tulsa, and Mary Jane Parker Beach, Beta Nu/Florida State, were recognized for their dedication and service on Kappa Alpha Theta's NPC delegation. The official business of the meeting concluded with the installation of the 2015-17 Executive Committee: Chairman Donna King, Sigma Kappa; Vice Chairman Carole Jones, Alpha Omicron Pi; Advocacy Chairman Donna Chereck, Alpha Chi Omega; Finance Chairman Lynnda Hoefler, Delta Zeta; and Panhellenics Chairman Frances Mitchelson, Phi Mu. ◇

### THETA'S NPC DELEGATION

Amy Hayner Kates  
ΑΦ/Tulane  
delegate

Mary Jane Parker Beach  
BN/Florida State  
1st alternate delegate

Michelle Mouton Geiger  
ΔΚ/LSU  
2nd alternate delegate

Cate Lock Bibb  
ΓΦ/Texas Tech  
3rd alternate delegate

### PANHELLENIC SPIRIT

Meeting participants purchased sunflower stickers to honor women who have worked to advance the sorority experience. Those who received stickers wore them on their name tags throughout the weekend. Proceeds raised—\$6,855—benefited NPC Foundation's Panhellenic Spirit Fund.

Want more?  
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A notice of the death of a Theta sister may be sent to Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator. (Her contact information may be found on page 2.) A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.

# A/DEPAUW

Aileen Perkins Bockstahler; 1941, Aug. 2015  
Jeddie McEvoy Driscoll; 1955, Apr. 2015  
Sandra Jane Gooch; 1973, Apr. 2015  
Kendra Kay Hatcher; 1998, Sep. 2015  
Tiffany Makaus; 1989, Aug. 2015  
Joan VanDervoort Snider; 1947, Nov. 2015

# B/INDIANA

Margaret Keck Harrison; 1942, July 2015  
Carol Soenksen Pembroke; 1953, Oct. 2014  
Dorothy Ayres Rutishauser; 1951, Sep. 2015  
Katherine King Shiel; 1949, Sep. 2015  
Deanna Arnholt Wilson; 1969, Oct. 2015

# Γ/BUTLER

Jodi Smith Gipson; 1977, Nov. 2015  
Bonnie Harrison Meyer; 1958, Sep. 2015  
Helen Hodges Spradling; 1950, Sep. 2015

# H/MICHIGAN

Nancy Hubbard Bowman; 1944, Nov. 2015  
Eugenia Losch Johnson; 1946, Feb. 2014  
Else Jorgensen Matthews; 1951, Oct. 2015

# I/CORNELL

Winifred Waring; 1936, Dec. 2014

# K/KANSAS

Patricia Watkins Ferguson; 1949, July 2015  
Frances Hodges Robertson; 1945, Sep. 2015  
Joan Elliott Winn; 1941, Nov. 2015

# Λ/VERMONT

Rosemary Bristol Bryden; 1945, Sep. 2015  
Joan Barrett Hay; 1945, Aug. 2015  
Jane Martin Thomson; 1952, Oct. 2015  
Rae MacTiernan Worthen; 1947, Aug. 2015

# ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Helen Simester Long; 1949, Nov. 2015  
Mary Jo Buvinger Wolters; 1944, Nov. 2015

# N/HANOVER

Judith Fox Blomberg; 1960, Oct. 2014

# O/USC

Catherine McGowen Sopp; 1966, Sep. 2014  
Celeste Mockenhaupt Trepte; 1943, Jan. 2014  
Letitia Rees Wallace; 1935, Sep. 2015

# Π/ALBION

Katharine MacDougall Shearer; 1955, Aug. 2015

# P/NEBRASKA

Lou Motz Dickinson; 1933, Sept. 2015

Jennifer Misko Harms; 1979, Sep. 2015  
Jane Boucher Payne; 1939, Sep. 2015  
Virginia Chain Schmid; 1935, Oct. 2015

# T/NORTHWESTERN

Ann Sternberg Mark; 1940, Feb. 2015

# Y/MINNESOTA

Carol White Mahley; 1934, Sep. 2015  
Sally Miller Soule; 1953, Sep. 2015

# Φ/STANFORD

Beverly Humphreys Huff; 1941, July 2015

# Χ/SYRACUSE

Nancy Faus McKinless; 1945, May 2015

# Ψ/WISCONSIN

Nancy Nelson Countryman; 1950, Oct. 2015  
Patricia Schmitz Grady; 1944, Sep. 2015  
Katherine Lamp Lindsay; 1941, July 2014

# ΑΗ/VANDERBILT

Allison Caldwell Byrd; 1943, Dec. 2015  
Grace Sims Irvin; 1946, Sep. 2015

# ΑΘ/TEXAS

Amy Earthman Cardwell; 1987, Oct. 2015  
Gloria Bowers Fulbright; 1944, Oct. 2014  
Suzanne Mobley Musslewhite; 1954, Oct. 2015

# ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Betsy Bakewell Alexander; 1936, Apr. 2015  
Constance Bradshaw Morrill; 1956, June 2015  
Betty Reid Tebbetts; 1947, Nov. 2015

# ΑΚ/ADELPHI

Doris Hudson Cullen; 1941, July 2014

# ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Sue Backer Batali; 1953, Apr. 2015  
Mary Haig MacKey; 1941, Jan. 2015

# ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Mary Jane Lewis; 1969, May 2014

# ΑΝ/MONTANA

Shirley Spehn Peters; 1953, Aug. 2015  
Dianna Reber Riley; 1962, Nov. 2015  
Mary Jane Gorr Stokke; 1942, Sep. 2015

# ΑΕ/OREGON

Shirley Gillett Back; 1940, Oct. 2015  
Eugenia Billeter McElroy; 1948, Apr. 2015

# ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA

Carrie Levins Anderson; 1940, Dec. 2014  
Virginia Duffy Edgington; 1945, Aug. 2015

Adele Blanchard Goodwin; 1947, Nov. 2015  
Harriet Broadus High; 1941, Dec. 2014  
Pauline Grisso Martin; 1942, Sep. 2015  
Lauren Clifton Ridener; 2000, Oct. 2015

# ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA

Ruth Aageson Bettendorf; 1935, Aug. 2015

# ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Catherine Quinn Heiman; 1954, Oct. 2015  
Jeanne Tenney Rensvold; 1940, Aug. 2015

# ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Susan Manley Mecham; 1977, Nov. 2015

# ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Lorraine Fraker Long; 1949, Aug. 2015  
Marjorie Beard Lovewell; 1934, Sep. 2015  
Marjorie Alexander McElhenny; 1940, Oct. 2015  
Ann Colvin Rolley; 1953, Nov. 2015  
Katherine Welty Worley; 1947, Aug. 2015

# ΑΦ/TULANE

Mary Francis Etzold; 1951, Oct. 2015

# ΑΧ/PURDUE

Marian Fraizer Anderson; 1936, Jan. 2015  
Marie Snyder Cookerly; 1945, Feb. 2015  
Joan McMahon Jordan; 1952, Oct. 2015

# ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH

Jeanne Gousha De Kruif; 1943, Sep. 2015

# ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Beverly Hirschman Hartman; 1960, Mar. 2015  
Alice Lawrence Lindblom; 1948, July 2015  
Ellen McDonnell Mellott; 1953, June 2015  
Louise Watkins Dyer Weber; 1950, Sep. 2014

# ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Jo Ash Estes; 1949, May 2015  
Betty Lou Draper Lindamood; 1940, Oct. 2015

# ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Nancy Judges Adams Medearis; 1947, Aug. 2015  
Deborah Clark Russell; 1971, Sep. 2015  
Donna McDaniel Skovlin; 1950, Aug. 2015

# ΒΘ/IDAHO

Marjorie Johnson Barnes; 1947, June 2015  
Elaine Grafious Crampton; 1961, Nov. 2015

# ΒΙ/COLORADO

Joan Givler Wilson; 1953, Nov. 2015

# ΒΚ/DRAKE

Millicent Bester Schroeder; 1960, Mar. 2015

# ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY

Elizabeth Foster Bernard; 1938, Nov. 2015  
Marilyn L. Hargett; 1970, Apr. 2015  
Virginia Tague Parks; 1949, Mar. 2015

# ΒΜ/NEVADA

Kitty A. Mentaberry; 1978, Aug. 2015

# ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Patricia Mickler Dawson; 1957, Sep. 2015

# ΒΞ/UCLA

Nancy Oman Kern; 1954, Sep. 2015  
Renee Martin Nichols; 1980, July 2015  
Sarah Sherwin Streeton; 1937, Apr. 2015

# ΒΟ/IOWA

Ann Rutledge Shuler; 1947, Sep. 2015

# ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Margaret Frimodig Brown; 1944, Sep. 2015  
Mariann Merrelli Carra; 1981, Feb. 2015  
Joanne Becker Murphy; 1955, Oct. 2015

# ΒΣ/SMU

Mildred Metz Powers; 1941, June 2015

# ΒΤ/DENISON

Lucille Jeffrey Board; 1938, Dec. 2014  
Margaret Weber Everhart; 1947, Jan. 2015  
Marcia Reid MacKlin; 1953, Mar. 2015  
Jean Forsythe Rice; 1948, Jan. 2015

# ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA

Barbara Bowles McKillop; 1960, Sep. 2015

# ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Susan L. Beyerle; 1977, Nov. 2015

# ΒΧ/ALBERTA

Mary Lou Lister Armstrong; 1949, May 2015  
Arlene Weber Flock McKen; 1968, July 2014

# ΓΓ/ROLLINS

Louise Mullin Yergey; 1952, Sep. 2015

# ΓΔ/GEORGIA

Barbara Bridges Poage; 1949, Nov. 2015

# ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Jeanne Decker Hansen; 1945, Apr. 2015

# ΓΗ/MASSACHUSETTS

Carol Nelson Shaw; 1953, Dec. 2015

# ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON

Joanne Pickett Jones; 1953, Oct. 2015

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Dates represent year of initiation and month and year of death.

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##### ΓΙ/KENTUCKY

Susanne Newell Disney; 1951, July 2015  
Suzanne Wetherby Hines; 1952, Oct. 2015

##### ΓΜ/MARYLAND

Eleanor Morris Barnhart; 1947, Apr. 2015  
Mary Morris Sandroock; 1948, Aug. 2015

##### ΓΝ/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Marion Anstett Radigan; 1948, July 2015

##### ΓΠ/IOWA STATE

Constance Pepper; 1960, June 2015

##### ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE

Lucille Brosseau Davis; 1958, Oct. 2015

##### ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

Judith Gamble Blakey; 1964, Oct. 2015  
Debra Lovell Watson; 1977, Nov. 2015

##### ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE

Donabelle Gearhart Wedding; 1960,  
Oct. 2015

##### ΓΨ/TCU

Lou Ann Ramey Lipscomb; 1958, Aug.  
2015

Patricia Sanders Werner; 1955, Nov. 2015

##### ΓΩ/AUBURN

Carolyn Orr Bartlett; 1962, May 2015

##### ΔΗ/KANSAS STATE

Judy Meerpohl Phillips; 1964, Oct. 2015

##### ΔΘ/FLORIDA

Marti Wiggins Nusbaum; 1982, Nov. 2015

##### ΔΝ/ARKANSAS

Sandra Hall Lucas; 1973, October 2015

##### ΕΕ/BAYLOR

Martha McGhee Stephens; 1976, Sep. 2015

##### ΕΩ/WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON

Kara Dixon Campbell; 1993, Aug. 2015

##### ΖΣ/OHIO NORTHERN

Jessica Eaton; 2015, Nov. 2015 ◇



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**LISA DAVIS OLNEY**, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE (SEE PAGE 22)

**Acknowledge your own emotions and feelings about loss, and don't be afraid to communicate those feelings.**

**BARBARA KOOS**, ZY/UT DALLAS (SEE PAGE 31)

This professor probably didn't give an "easy A," but that wasn't why you took the class. He/she probably challenged you to accomplish more.

**KATIE BUSBY**, EZ/MISSISSIPPI (SEE PAGE 10)

**DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO CELEBRATE THETA LEADING WOMEN AT GRAND CONVENTION 2016!** (SEE PAGE 12)

Women have opportunities to make a difference, break some boundaries, and refuse to conform to what everyone else says.

**MARGARET GUO**, ZM/MIT (SEE PAGE 20)

Now I have an amazing sisterhood to back me up for the rest of the journey.

**ANNA CRANDALL**, Y/MINNESOTA (SEE PAGE 5)